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 Inventor Kei-Yu Ko
 Assignee Micron Technology, Inc.
 Group Art Unit 1763
 Examiner George A. Goudreau
 Attorney's Docket No. MI22-2041
 Customer No. 021567
 Title: Undoped Silicon Dioxide as Etch Stop for Selective Etch of Doped Silicon Dioxide

RULE 312 RESPONSE

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Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 23, 2003,
 Applicant remarks as follows:

REMARKS

Claims 1-10, 12-14, 16-20, 24-38, 40-44, 46, 50-52 and 54-109 remain in the application.

This filing is responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated December 23, 2003. The undersigned properly and timely submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on or about June 9, 2003, which was before the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance. The Notice of Allowance

did not include an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 the undersigned submitted with the June 9, 2003 Supplemental IDS. A courtesy duplicate copy of the June 9, 2003 Supplemental IDS is attached hereto, together with the accompanying Form PTO-1449 and copies of the references cited therein, along with evidence of the undersigned's timely and proper submission of said Supplemental IDS.

Further, on March 7, 2003, the undersigned filed a Supplemental Response to an Office Action Response that was filed on February 19, 2003. Accordingly, one response was filed on February 19 and one was filed on March 7 (in response to an in-person interview between the undersigned and the Examiner). It is not clear from PAIR whether both such responses have been entered, or whether the December 23, 2003 Notice of Allowance was indeed based upon Applicant's amended claims submitted on March 7, 2003. A courtesy duplicate copy of the March 7, 2003 Supplemental Response and evidence of submission thereof is also included herewith.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner provide the undersigned with the requested initialed Form PTO-1449, as well as some indication on the record that the claims upon which the Notice of Allowance was based were in accordance with the entry of both Applicant's March 7, 2003 Supplemental Amendment and the amendment of February 19.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: 1-13-04

By:


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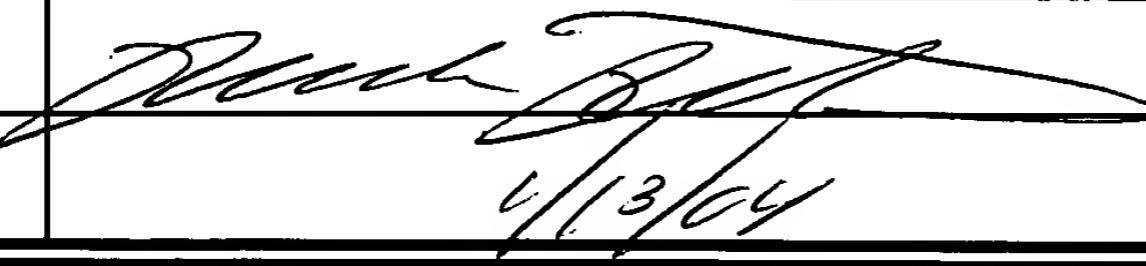
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